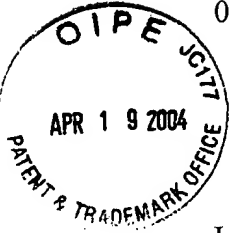


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Nguyen
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: Group Art Unit: 2861
Appln. No.: 09/768,464)
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action for one month, from March 19, 2004 to April 19, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 CFR 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.


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